Travel Authorization Form Instructions

A. **Employee Name/Enter Supplier:** Only employees 🚶 and students 🎓 can be entered in this text box. Non-employee travel should be processed using the payment request form. Enter the first few digits of the employee’s or student’s last name and a list will appear to select the appropriate supplier. Or you can click on supplier search to find your employee or student. Vendor in Spectrum = Supplier in Panther Mart.

B. **Product Description** – Input details about the trip. The first row will include the location city and state followed by the first day of travel. Please be sure to not include spaces on the first line. (I.e. Houston TX)

C. **Start Date** – The date represents the first day of travel. You can either enter the date in the box or you can select the calendar to the right to select the first day of travel.

D. **End Date** - The date represents the last day of travel. You can either enter the date in the box or you can select the calendar to the right to select the last day of travel.
E. **Category Code** – Category codes is used to determine the specific use of the form. To review a complete list of category codes used for the travel authorization form select the search link. In description enter “Travel”.

   **96288 – Employee Travel** – Use this code if the authorization is for travel

   **96298 – Employee Travel – Mileage** - Use this code if the form is for Employee mileage

   **99900 – Student Travel Expenses** – Use this code if the authorization is for student travel

   **99901 – Student Travel – Mileage** - Use this code if the form is for Student mileage

F. **Registration Expense (not encumbered)** – Include registration in the Non-PO section of the Travel Authorization (expenses listed in this section do not create an encumbrance, just a recording). In order to initiate payment for Registrations, use the Payment Request Form for direct payments or reimbursement. (I.e. $300)

G. **Enter Name of individual covering responsibility while on Travel status:** ***this section is per business process and is not mandatory for Disbursement, but could be mandatory per your business unit requirements. This section is used to give details to who will cover your job responsibilities while you are away on your travel.

H. **Internal Attachments add attachments:** The Internal Attachments section allows attachment of necessary supporting documents to the published Form. Attachments provided in this section will not be sent to the supplier. You have two attachment types (File and Link)

   ![Internal Attachments](image)

I. **Additional Info:** The additional information section allow for additional attachment information. You can write in your attachment information. Some examples of write in attachments include Program details, Memo of Justification information and Details for special approvals.
J. Travelers may claim allowable amounts per day (per diem) for meals. Per Diem rates vary by location (traveler’s destination). Travelers are not required to submit receipt when claiming per diem.

K. Travelers may claim allowable amounts per day (per diem) for lodging. Rates vary by location (location of hotel). Please note, GSU will allow up to 20% in excess of the allowable per diem. (Questions may be referred to Disbursements).

**In State Travel** (See Lodging Expense – Page 10) Lodgers must be at least 50 miles from GSU to claim lodging per diem.


L. Air Travel should be purchased using the new Travel Inc website.

http://services.gsu.edu/travel-services-procedures/
M. The Georgia Statewide Travel Regulation requires that all travel be planned according to the least cost and what is most advantageous for the university. Our current contracted vendors are Enterprise Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental. Review the Auto Insurance Provision [http://doas.ga.gov/StateLocal/Risk/Pages/RiskInsurance.aspx](http://doas.ga.gov/StateLocal/Risk/Pages/RiskInsurance.aspx)

N. Fuel – Employees can be reimbursed for fuel if they use a GSU owned vehicle or a rental car.

O. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-19-7 requires the State of Georgia to follow the GSA rates for mileage when State employees are reimbursed for use of a privately owned vehicle on official travel.

P. The ‘Other’ section details items that are specific to your travel allocations. Enter the amount in the box associated with your travel. Receipts required for expense $25 or greater.

Q/R. Misc section is used to enter all expenses not covered in (P). You will enter the amount in (Q) and the details in (R). i.e – (p) $25  (R) Airline baggage charges